

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 28, as follows:

~~The signal mixing~~ A signal concentration can take place either in the user's terminal equipment, or in a centralised processing platform as is shown in Figure 2. In Figure 2 the terminal equipment 10 contains a microphone 11 and loudspeaker system 12 as before. However, the loudspeaker system 12 is a spatialised system-that is, it has two or more channels to allow sounds to appear to emanate from different directions. This may take the form of stereophonic headphones, or a more complex system such as disclosed in United States Patents 5533129 (Gefvert), 5307415 (Fosgate), article "Spatial Sound for Telepresence" by M. Hollier, D. Burraston, and A. Rimell in the British Telecom Technology Journal, October 1997 or the present applicant's own International Patent Application W098/58523, published on 23 December 1998.

Page 2, before line 21, insert the following as a separate paragraph:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF EXEMPLARY EMBODIMENTS--.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 1, as follows:

~~CLAIMS~~ What is claimed is:.